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Assignee's Notice.

Notice of John H. Black and Frank B. Black...

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The Illinois Central R.R. will sell round trip tickets...

Sore Eyes

The eyes are very sensitive to the action of the body...

Cured. My eyes are now in a splendid condition...

By Taking. Three bottles of this medicine have been...

Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Prepared by Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Estate of John H. Black, deceased...

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No Change of Cars to California. Please take the Cars with through to California...

UPPERMOUTH and Furniture Repairing done by A. Beer. Will please every body...

World's Dispensary Medical Association, 605 Main St., Decatur, Ill.

OF GENERAL INTEREST.

The New York Press Club talks of erecting an appropriate monument over Horace Greeley's grave.

A Kansas woman wants to start a children's rights' association and make large families fashionable again.

A cricket match between American and English players was played on board the Aniana during its last trip to this country.

Washington (or rather the District of Columbia), on a basis of three people every name in the new city directory, claims a population of 232,080.

It is estimated that discoveries, inventions, and compounds patented each year in the United States and never amounting to any thing cost \$3,000,000.

The editor of the Halifax Herald says that the Halifax Gazette, now known as the Royal Gazette, is the oldest paper now published on the continent of America.

The petrified remains of a huge monster have been discovered near Knoxville, Iowa. The body was between fifty and sixty feet long and two and a half feet wide, with four eyes.

The sockets of the eyes are eight inches in diameter.

Some hunters caught a bear in Athens, Mo. after a long chase. He was found to have only two sound legs, one hind leg having been cut off apparently at the joint, and one fore leg near the body.

Yet he was able to run about as fast as the average bear.

In the stomach of a cow killed in La Crosse, Wis., were found one silver piece, two wood screws, each an inch in length, six carpet tacks, twenty-three shingle nails, two large knitting needles, and one street railway spike three inches long.

One of the needles had pierced the cow's lungs and caused the formation of a big tumor.

A witness against a Philadelphia saloon keeper, who was on trial for violating the Sunday law, wore a false beard. A lawyer detected it and pulled the beard off his face.

When questioned as to his reasons for appearing in disguise, he said he wanted to prevent saloon keepers who might be present from recognizing him thereafter.

There are fully fifty centenarians known to be living in New England at the present time. Of this number eleven live in Connecticut, four in Rhode Island, ten in Massachusetts, sixteen in Maine, five in New Hampshire and five in Vermont.

The oldest of all is Giles Benson, of Castleton, Vt., one hundred and fifteen years of age.

The ubiquitous office boy has discovered a new use for old business letters, which he now sells to various firms at from ten to fifty cents a hundred.

The boys use them for the addresses contained therein, which are duly copied and in turn sold to sewing-machine and patent-medicine men, who use the lists in sending out circulars.

The narrow roads in some parts of the Menominee range have evolved the invention of a peculiar cutter, long and slim as a toogun and called the "Fore-and-after," because it accommodated but two people, one sitting behind the other.

This makes it very unpopular with the girls of the district, but the vehicle is convenient all the same, for the lumber-cutters.

Bavarian horses are celebrated for general worthlessness. A dealer sold one to a German officer during the Franco-Prussian war and warranted him to be a good war horse.

The soldier came afterward in a towering passion and said he had been swindled. "And how?" said the dealer. "Why, there's not a bit of 'go' in him, and yet you warranted him as a good war horse."

"Yes, I did, and George!" he said, "good war horse, he'd sooner die than run."

Two boys recently, in search of a rabbit, removed the rear steps of St. Mary's Church, in Kittanning, Pa., and found a bundle containing three gold watches, two gold chains, one silver watch, a diamond hunk and a punny.

Three years ago the articles were stolen, and the thief sent to the penitentiary, but the property was never recovered.

Two of the watches belonged to Kittanning priests and the third is thought to belong to a Brookville man.

It is reported that in Peru and other parts of South America this year's fruit has been avoided by birds, while it has caused the death of sheep and cattle when fed to them in large quantities.

These observations have been cited as tending to show that the instinct of birds with respect to the wholesomeness of fruit, is frequently a worthy guide for human beings to follow.

The possibility is suggested that the variation in the fruit of different years may have something to do with outbreaks of cholera.

An Ancient Indian Deed. Public Librarian Bain has now in his possession the original deed by which six chiefs of the Potawatomi in 1780 conveyed to the Baby, formerly a tract of land on the Detroit river, near the present city of Detroit, 12 "arpents" long by 120 deep, an "arpent" being a French measure of land of an area of about eleven-twelfths of an acre.

The document is in French, bears the tokens of the six chiefs and is witnessed by one Williams, scribe of the peace. It bears the indorsement of General de Peyster, who was in command of the British force at Detroit. This curious old document was found among the records at the Baby homestead on the Hamber, near this city. A frame is being prepared for it in which it will be inclosed and exhibited in the library of the Canadian Institute.

Greatly Exposed. Not a few of the citizens of Decatur have recently become greatly excited over the astounding facts, that several of their friends who had been pronounced by their physicians as moribund and beyond all hope, suffering with that dreadful monster Consumption, have been completely cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, the only remedy known to cure these terrible and fatal lung diseases, Coughs, Colds, Asthma and Bronchitis. Trial bottles free at J. A. Swearingen's drug store. Large bottles \$1.

The Hercules white shirts are the best and only one made. Linn & Son, Decatur.

Does This Catch Your Eye?

We have an obscure idea that it does, but if we are in error kindly give us an indication and if the REPUBLICAN is for sale we will buy the plant and run her wide open to make you aware of the fact that we are offering THE GREATEST BARGAINS IN

RED FLANNEL UNDERWEAR

In the United States. 100 Dozen Undershirts. 100 " Drawers. All Wool, Soft Finish, Extra Fine Quality, worth \$2.00, at ONE-HALF THE PRICE— \$1.00 UNDERSHIRTS. \$1.00 DRAWERS.

Come at once, as these goods will walk away with anything in the Flannel line that sells for more money.

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BLACK STOCKINGS

That will not FADE, CROCK or STAIN the FEET. Try a pair of

Smith & Angell's Black Stockings

And you will wear no other kind.

The color cannot be removed by acids, and is just as glossy and black after repeated washing as when new--in fact washing improves the color.

The dye being vegetable does not injure the goods.

Every pair warranted as above, and if not found as represented return them and your money will be refunded.

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COMMANDMENTS.

I. Thou shalt have no other place to buy Clothing, Hats, Caps and Furnishings, Goods, except CHEAP CHARLEY'S.

II. Thou shalt not choose out thyself any other Merchant, thou shalt not bow down to them nor listen to their speeches for Cheap Charley's Clothing House is a reliable place to trade, capable to serve his customers to the third and fourth generations.

III. Thou need not seek in vain for stylish Clothing, Furnishings Goods, etc., at the Very Lowest Prices, for they can be found in large quantities at Cheap Charley's.

IV. Thou shalt bear in mind that if any day in the week you will buy a suit of clothes at Cheap Charley's you can rest easy on the seventh.

V. Thou shalt honor Cheap Charley's One Price Clothing House. May you for many years be dressed in suits thereof.

VI. Thou shalt not stand in outrage on property by purchasing thy Clothing, Gents' Furnishings Goods, Hats, Caps, Trunks, etc., elsewhere but go direct to Cheap Charley's where thou wilt get what thou wantest at Low Prices.

VII. Thou shalt not seek adulterously strange style, but go direct to Cheap Charley's Corner of Old Square.

VIII. Thou shalt not hear false witness, but openly acknowledge that thou canst be better suited at Cheap Charley's for less money than any other Clothing House in the city.

IX. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods, nor his bargains, but take counsel of this and proceed straightway to Cheap Charley's, Corner of Old Square.

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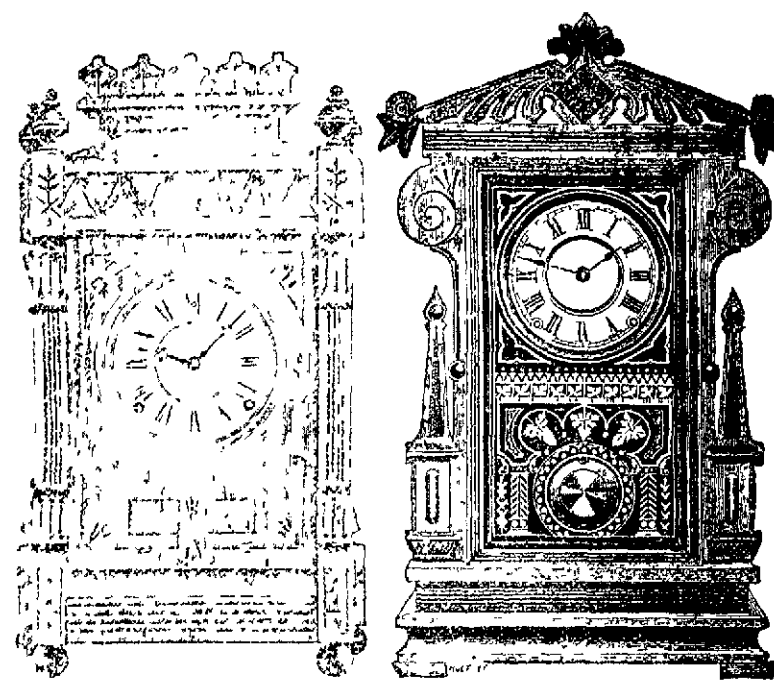
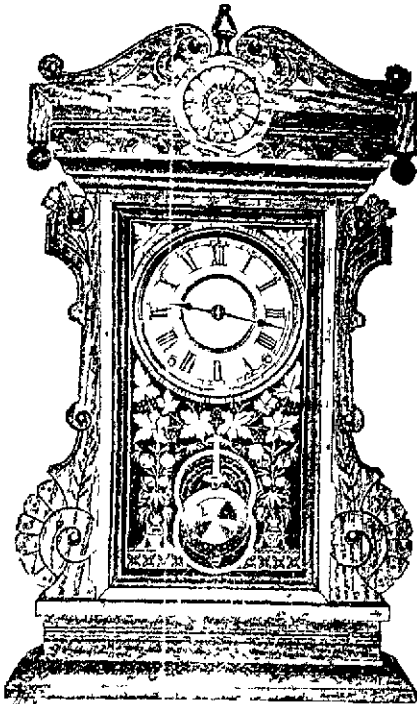
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If in search of a clock call and see ours.

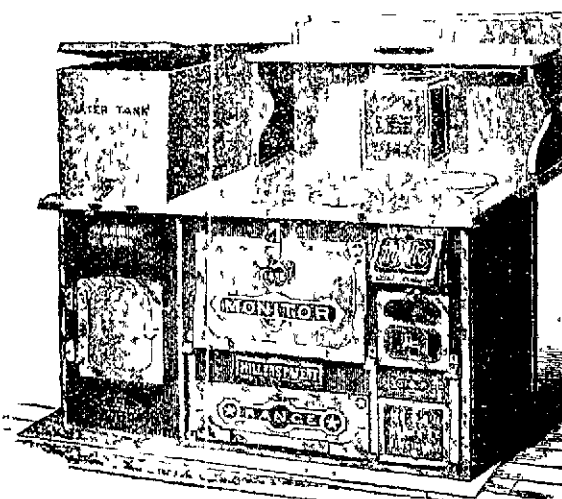
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By keeping your feet warm and dry. A complete line of RUBBER FOOTWEAR constantly in stock at

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Windsor, Mocha and Java  
**COFFEES,**  
**PRINCESS TEA,**  
**Pillsbury's Best Flour,**  
**BOOTH OYSTERS,**  
**Quaker City Preserves,**  
**4-X Maple Syrup,**  
**Pennsylvania Buckwheat,**  
**Extra German Soap.**

## DINGES & CLOYD'S.

THURSDAY EVE, FEB 9, 1888

## LOCAL NEWS.

For dinner and tea sets, go to E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co's. BILL NVE coming Feb 14. 21-dtd

There were 125 delegates at the session of the O. M. A. this forenoon

NEXT Wednesday Robert Bivans and Miss Nellie Ferguson will be united in marriage

Deal with the Moore Bros' in opera block Good potatoes and excellent family groceries

A RENOVATION team last night wrecked the lamp post and mail box at the Swearingen drug store corner

METTING of Mission Band at Mr. Dawson's, 308 East Marietta street, on Friday night

"GENTUS invents, talent applies." Jarreau has so successfully applied her talents to the work of Genettes, that she will be able to withstand the rigors of many theatrical winters.

STEP in at 142 South Water street, and get Hanks & Patterson, the live grocers, to send you family supplies

THE opera L'Elvire at the opera house Saturday night 8-dtd

THE earth is white with snow, not enough however to afford smooth sleighing. The beautiful began to fall gently yesterday afternoon, and continued until after dark

THE thermometer this morning at 6 o'clock registered 6 degrees below zero, a fall of 13 degrees since Wednesday morning. The moderation to-day has been slight

YOU will like Edam cheese. It is sold by J. Lytle & Co., the opera block grocers

THE I. O. M. A. visitors leave us today. They found Decatur a pleasant city in which to hold their convention and Decatur found them clever and intelligent gentlemen

TELL your grocer to send you the popular White Loaf family flour

THEATRE was more trouble with the steam pipes at the theatre house this morning. One burst in the basement, causing the steam to escape and threatening more damage to Harry Fisk's stock of goods

FRESH Baltimore oysters and California fruits are specialties at Knode & Osborne's store

LAST evening Mr. and Mrs. John Irwin gave a dinner party at their residence in honor of I. O. M. A. guests. They were President Alex McLean, Trustee M. W. Matthews, Treasurer F. H. Mosher, Judge Langley, J. W. Burd and G. V. Frank

Don't forget Niedermyer on the mound for first-class groceries and fruits

FOR all kinds of bread, pies, cakes and rolls, go to the bakery of August & Dowling, 333 North Morgan street. None better in the city 3-dtd

POPULAR with all good judges of standard instruments are those perfect Haines Bros' pianos sold by C. B. Prescott in opera block

FERNAN HADDEE at Dinges & Cloyd's 28-dtd

"It's worth its weight in gold," as a common expression. But, while the value of gold is easily effected, the worth of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, as a blood purifier, never deprecates. It will eradicate scrofula from the system when everything else fails

GENERAL repair work is done at Lytle & Eckels' hardware store on Water street

SMOKE the White Cross, the new five-cent cigar, manufactured by John Taylor, and sold by all first-class dealers. Try it and be convinced that it is the best nickel cigar ever made or sold in Decatur 3-dtd

SEND orders by telephone to W. H. Shorb for good coal and chunk and stove wood

"My little son, three years of age, was terribly afflicted with scrofula. His head was entirely covered with scrofula. His body was covered with marks of the disease. A few bottles of Ayer's Sarsaparilla cured him."—W. J. Beckett, Hymers, Ind.

WHITE FARM flour made by J. Hatfield & Co. is sold by all enterprising grocers

Buy table supplies and fresh meats at George Rueschman's combination grocery and market on Water street

Mural Decoration. My specialty this year is fine work in the new line. I will guarantee every job to give satisfaction

UPHOLSTERING and Furniture Repairing done by A. Beer. Will please everybody. Lincoln Square. Jan 16-1888

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America's Great Humorist,

## BILL NYE

Tuesday Evening Next, FEBRUARY 14,

## In MUSIC HALL.

Reserved Seats 75c and 50c at Boston's.

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This afternoon Braxton Hubbard, a colored young man, aged 17, who has been in the employ of Hugh Orea, was arrested by Marshal Mason for attempting to utter a forged bank check. The check was drawn in favor of John Shad-rack on Millikin & Co's bank, with the signature of Mrs. C. A. Orea attached. Little Sammy Everett, a white boy, was sent by Hubbard to the bank to get the money on the check, while he waited on Merchant street to get the cash. Suspicion was aroused at the bank, and while Sammy was detained the Marshal arrived. It was then an easy matter to nab Hubbard, who is in jail. Mrs. Orea knows nothing about the check. Justice Curtis committed the alleged forger

Grand Lodge Officers. The annual three days' session of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Mutual Aid will come to an end this evening. Many of the delegates have already left for their homes. In the hall yesterday afternoon and to-day there were many able discussions on life insurance topics, led by the eloquent debaters, Hon. M. W. Matthews of Urbana, Hon. T. J. Schofield of Carthage, and others. The officers elected for the ensuing year were

Grand President Alex McLean, Ma-comb  
Grand Vice-President John N. Jensen, Chicago  
Grand Secretary William M. Ayres, Quincy  
Grand Treasurer T. S. Mosher, Sand-wich  
Grand Trustee M. W. Matthews (Urbana, 3 year term)

The next meeting will be held at Springfield. The order is to have an official party, *On Order*. The contract was awarded to Undergan & Hatch, of Quincy

"Forgiven" To-Night. Mr. Fred Bryton, supported by a strong company, will appear to-night at the opera house in "Forgiven," a play of thrilling interest to the end. The company appeared at Danville last night and made a hit before a large audience. Those who attend the entertainment to-night will be delighted with Mr. Bryton, his talent and his people

MAN wants but little here below. But Jurbawa wants a packed house, and that's what she'll get to-morrow night. The advance sale has been big.

The County Court. EDS REEDERMAN. Please say that the County Court will meet in the circuit court room at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., Feb. 13, 1888, and that all jurors will be prompt to answer at 10 o'clock a. m. J. H. MAZU, Sheriff

THE Good Templars will hold a convocation at their hall to-morrow night. Every-body invited, admission free

## PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Nellie Ferguson is a guest of R. E. Pratt and family

Mrs. John Patterson is entertaining her sister, Miss Addie Travis of Shelbyville

V. H. Hostetler is now at Spokane Falls, W. T., mingling with the Decatur colony and seeing the sights

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Harris, of Hastings, Minn., arrived in the city last night to remain here on a visit. Mr. E. is an uncle of Will Harris

V. H. Parke got home from California yesterday in splendid condition. Mrs. Parke will remain in the Golden state until spring. Mr. Parke had a fine time on his travels, but he has not gone back on Decatur

"Moon may shine, but a pine knot comes in mighty handy. But what are either compared to the brilliancy of Jarreau and "Starlight." She will appear to-morrow night

JAMES MOUNCE, the man who killed Adam Spear in Platt county Saturday evening is now a prisoner in the Macon county jail. He is about 40 years of age and has heretofore borne a good reputation in his county. He has been separated from his wife, and has a divorce case pending in the Monticello court. After he had killed Spear, the prisoner had great fear of being lynched and kept hiding himself to Sheriff Miller at Monticello. It was deemed wise to put Mounce in the Decatur jail and accordingly he was brought here. No doubt the prisoner feels safer here. The people of Platt county lynched a murderer at Monticello less than two years ago

All O. K. Expert Southwick and the county committee yesterday concluded their work of checking up the accounts of Sheriff Maury and found everything correct to a cent—all O. K.

The coal snip caused the mail train from the east to come in late this morning. The mail sacks didn't get to the postoffice until after seven o'clock

The more the Boston Combination coffee is used the better it is liked. You can get it at Lehman & Boen's grocery store

"Intuitively" Photograph Gallery. I have leased the "Toner" art gallery and will be ready for business Saturday, February 11, 1888. I have come to stay, and if you desire good Photos give me a call. All parties having work done on Saturday next I will give them a Photo of the famous "Big Rock," the "M. L. drama. The picture is on exhibition at the gallery, corner of South Park and Water streets, over Peddicoard & Burrows' bank. Hoping to have a share of the public patronage. I am Yours Respectfully, Feb8-dtdawit H. A. WALLACE

He was selecting presents for his girl before Christmas. He bought an amber comb, a box of caramels, and a bottle of Dr. Ball's Cough Syrup, and showed himself thereby a right sensible dude

"Enterprise of good pith and moment" are so engrossing the minds of men that they neglect their own affairs, and grow old with pain, forgetting that a bottle of Salvation Oil will cure all

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The mass convention of supervisors and county commissioners of the state which convened at the court house Wednesday, has resulted in the formation of another state association to meet annually. The committee appointed at the forenoon session presented their reports, which were adopted. They are given below, together with subsequent proceedings

## RULES AND RESOLUTIONS

The following report was adopted

We, the committee, on rules recommend that the supervisors and county commissioners of the state of Illinois, be and are hereby formed into a permanent association. The object of the association shall be to discuss such matters pertaining to county government as shall be considered proper, this association shall meet annually at such time and place as the preceding association shall designate. The officers shall be one president, one vice-president, one secretary, and one assistant secretary and a corresponding secretary, who shall hold their offices for one year or until their successors are elected.

The president shall appoint the following standing committees to consist of five members each, Resolutions and motions on legislation, on ways and means, Censuring the parliamentary rules shall govern the deliberations of the association. The order of business shall be

1. Calling of association to order;
2. Roll call by counties;
3. Reading minutes;
4. Address;
5. Election of officers;
6. Questions concerning the duties and powers of supervisors and county commissioners;
7. Necessary legislation;
8. Reports of committees;
9. Miscellaneous business;
10. Adjournment.

## THE PERMANENT OFFICERS

The committee on permanent organization, Charles N. Twadell, Geo. S. Durfee, John Campbell and C. J. Miner, presented the following report: "That we recommend that the officers of this convention shall consist of a president, vice-president, secretary and assistant or railroad secretary, that R. H. Woodcock, of Macon, be chosen president, D. M. Funk, of McLean, vice-president, J. W. Yantis, of Shelby, secretary and assistant or railroad secretary, and assistant secretary. The report was adopted

## THE DELEGATES

The committee on credentials recommended the following gentlemen as entitled to seats in the convention

Adams County—Geo. W. Cyrus, St. Clair—G. C. Kelley, St. Clair—W. J. B. Smith, W. S. Scott, M. M. Stookey and John Gross, Shelby—J. W. Yantis, C. J. Miner, Ira F. Baird and T. P. Montz, Jackson—J. S. Hartman, Iowa—P. D. Cheney, Mason—D. DeFurrow, and G. C. Meil, Cole—W. A. Fuorman and George Bidle

McDonough—H. F. Irish, McLean—W. J. B. Smith, G. V. Frank, George Bolner, Ben Webb, John Cowden and D. M. Funk, Macon—R. H. Woodcock, H. Manocke, C. M. Imboden, Jacob Hages, George S. Durfee, E. B. Miller, A. T. Hill, H. D. Peverley and J. J. Batschelder, Clinton—M. J. Horneat, Fulton—William Norton, Henderson—John Campbell, Monroe—E. Nixon, John S. Reebut and S. Notlie, Monticello—Charles N. Twadell, Madison—James Tontz, Morgan—Geo. W. Moore, Sangamon—F. C. Carroll, Richland—P. Heltman.

## STANDING COMMITTEES

President Woodcock announced the following as members of the standing committees for the ensuing year

Committee on resolutions and motions—John Gross, of St. Clair, J. W. Baldridge, of McLean, C. N. Twadell, of Monticello, J. S. Hartman, of Jackson, and T. P. Montz, of Shelby

Committee on legislation—James Tontz, of Madison, C. J. Miner, of Shelby, P. D. Cheney, of Jersey, John Campbell, of Henderson, and G. W. Moore, of Morgan

Committee on ways and means—M. M. Stookey, of St. Clair, P. Heltman, of Richland, G. W. Cyrus, of Adams, G. C. Kelley, of St. Clair, and B. F. Irish, of McDonough

The resolution of J. S. Hartman that boards of supervisors and county commissioners be and are hereby empowered to send a member of their respective boards or any other person if they so elect to represent them in the annual association meeting of the body, was referred to the committee on resolutions at the suggestion of Supervisor Durfee, of Macon

J. S. Hartman offered the following resolution: That the legislature be petitioned to amend the law that the counties under township organization which are supporting the poor as a county charge shall be empowered by vote of the people to change from county support to that of support of some township at their option

Supervisor John Gross, of Belleville, entered a vigorous protest to the adoption of the resolution, demonstrating that if the spirit of the thing was carried out it would prove a great injustice to many townships where there are one or more large cities. He thought the expense should come out of the public fund

Supervisor Hartman supported the resolution and stated that he was both a farmer and a merchant. He declared that he paid \$4 tax on his farm to \$1 on his stock of goods. He lives in Jackson county in a mining district where there are strikes, the county being compelled to pay out at one time \$6,000 for the support of the strikers for a brief period, there being no money in the treasury to run the court at one term

Supervisor James Tontz, of Madison, supported the resolution because he believed that justice should be done. The operation of the proposed amendment if secured is optional

Supervisor Durfee, of Macon, entered his objection to the resolution, but thought there should be some law to govern the trouble in Jackson county, but not at the expense of other counties where votes in the cities were short

Supervisor Miner, of Shelby suggested that a law should be passed to suppress the strikes

Supervisor Irish, of McDonough, favored the resolution stating that his township had not had a pauper claim to pay for two years, while his township had to help pay the big bills of two mining districts where there had been repeated strikes, which caused much county expense. He thought there ought to be an optional law

The Hartman resolution was adopted by a vote of 25 to 14

Supervisor George Bidle, of Cole county, offered the following resolution, which was adopted

Resolved, That our next legislative be respectfully requested to change our

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election laws concerning the election of supervisors, that one-third of the members in each county be elected for the term of one year, and one year thereafter for the term of two years, and year thereafter for the term of three years, and that one-third of the members be elected for the term of one year, and one year thereafter for the term of two years, and that one-third of the members be elected for the term of three years

Supervisor Fern offered a motion to the effect that it is the sense of this association that politics be kept out of the county and township boards in the transaction of business

On motion of Supervisor Twadell, of Monticello, the motion was laid on the table

Supervisor Stookey, of St. Clair, offered the following, which was referred to the committee on resolutions

Resolved, That this convention petition our next legislature to so change the present law that incorporated towns pay the overseer of the poor out of their town funds

Supervisor Fern offered the following resolution, which was adopted

Resolved, That the Illinois general assembly be petitioned to change the law in regard to township organization so as to enable the board of supervisors to appoint the overseer of the poor, in townships the boundaries whereof are concurrent with those of an incorporated city

Supervisor John Campbell, of Henderson, introduced the following resolution which was adopted

Resolved, That the next legislature be petitioned to pass a law to leave it optional with counties under county organization regarding the law of roads and bridges whether they remain under the present system or adopt the system in practice prior to an act adopted by the last legislature

Adjoined to 8 a. m., February 9

President Woodcock suggested that papers be written on the following topics: Plan of Procuring Stationery for County Purposes, Duties and Responsibilities of Supervisors and Commissioners, The Relation of County to County Officers, The Failure of Our Revenue Law and the Inequality of Our Equalization

## THE SECOND DAY

At the opening of the second day's session of the association at 10 o'clock this forenoon the minutes of the first day's session were read and approved. W. J. Brabury was a new delegate present. He came from McLean county

Under the sixth order of business came a general discussion on the questions concerning the duties and powers of supervisors and county commissioners. Frank Fern suggested a few points, and called upon James Tontz, of Madison county. He said there were 75 to 100 paupers at the Madison county poor farm, who could be fed at 15 cents each per day

Supervisor Bidle, of Cole county, stated that the superintendent is paid 70 cents a week for keeping each pauper, but the use of a lot of farm and supplies, the county being out of the use of the farm and the 70 cents a week per pauper

Supervisor Frank, of McLean county, stated the county paid their superintendent of the poor farm \$1,000 a year. There is a farm of nearly 400 acres. The expense of the county for keeping paupers is \$189 per head per week. The county has the proceeds of the farm, the number of paupers makes contracts quarterly with grocers to furnish supplies for the poor

Supervisor Gross, of St. Clair county, made a statement as to the excellent management of the St. Clair poor farm and paupers. The average number of paupers is 115, and they stay because they like the place and the wholesome food they get. The farm is about 40 acres. The speaker opposed the system of feeding paupers by contract

Supervisor Mackley, of Macon county, reported that the Macon county poor farm is not self-sustaining. The farm is one of 200 acres, well improved, paid the steward and wife, \$1,000 a year. The cost for keeping a pauper per week above the products of the farm is 40 cents

Supervisor Irish, of McDonough county, reported 40 paupers, which cost the county above products, \$155 per week, pay superintendent \$1,000 a year

Supervisor Hartman, of Jackson county, informed the convention that the contract system had been tried with indifferent success, farm of 200 acres, pay superintendent \$800, furnish everything, under contract system it cost 19 cents a day to feed and clothe each pauper. It now costs about \$1 a week per head to support the paupers, above product of the farm. There are 43 inmates

On motion the pauper question was referred to the committee on ways and means to report at the next state meeting

The committee on ways and means made a report to the effect that topics be discussed by the following named at the next convention

Otto H. Swigart, of D. W. county. Plans for procuring stationery for county purposes

James Tontz, of Madison county—Duties and responsibilities of supervisors and commissioners

B. H. Woodcock, of Macon county—The relation of



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